**Coal reserves Under Jitpur Colliery**

2130. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) reserve of coal under Jitpur Colliery both in quantity and quality;

(b) present production and manpower;

(c) whether contractual workers are being engaged to raise coal;

(d) if so, facts in details; and

(e) future plan to develop Jitpur mine?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) As per information furnished by Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) the extractable reserve of coal under Jitpur Colliery of Indian Iron and Steel Company (IISCO) are estimated at 16.96 million tonnes. The quality of coking coal is Washery Grade-III (Ash 24-28%).

(b) The present production and manpower is as under:—

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Production | 500 tonnes perday | ton-(approx.) |
| 2. | Manpower | Executives | 37 |
| | | Non-executives | 1465 |
| | | Total— | 1502 |

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) It has been reported by Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) that a project for reconstruction & development of Jitpur for colliery for attaining production level of 1000 TPD at an estimated expenditure of Rs. 49.57 crores had been approved in February'92. However, the project could not be implemented due to financial crisis being faced by IISCO which is presently referred to BIFR.

**Accumulation of Water in BCCL Min**

2131. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Wi the Minister of COAL be pleased tc state:

(a) names of the major collieries with mines drowned due to accumulation of water in BCCL;

(b) whether there is any estimate of accumulated water and the rate of accumulation;

(c) amount of water pumped out and utilised per year;

(d) whether Government are aware of a scheme of pumping out water of Dharmabandh colliery mines to serve the locality and also to free the mines from water with the help of the district administration; and

(e) if so, the details there of

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) The names of major collieries which were drowned due to accumulation of water in BCCL alongwith the date of drowning are as under:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| (i) | Gaslitand | September, 1995 |
| (ii) | Teturiya | September, 1995 |
| (iii) | Dharmabad | September, 1993 |
| (iv) | Bhurangiya | September, 1994 |
| (v) | ECC Ken-duadih | September, 1995 |

(b) No estimate of accumulated water in these mines has been made, except in the case of Gaslitand colliery where accumulated water is presently estimated at 529 million gallons. Tentative estimates put the rate of water percolation at Gaslitand mine at 200 Gallons per minute in non-monsoon months, which increases to around 2700 Gallons per minute during peak monsoon.

(c) The amount of water pumped out at Gaslitand mine in 1997-98 was around 15 million gallons. There is no arrangment for measuring the discharge of pumped-out water in other mins. Mine discharge ultimately finds its way to river Damodar, from where is supplied to the

local population through various water supply schemes.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. Regular pumping is being done from Dharmaband mine. It is regular practice for sparing some quantity of the water pumped out from the mine for use of local population as and when requests from district administration are received.

**Production of Coke of BCCL**

2132. **SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA:** Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the production of coke of BCCL (BH and BP, separately) during the years 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98;

(b) what has been the real impact of cheap imports of coke of Chinese origin on it's production of BH and BP coke, lifting of it's coking coal by domestic coke manufacturers and on it's stocks and prices of both coking coal and coke; and

(c) what is the present strength of workers and other staff in BCCL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) The production of B.P. and B.H. Coke in BCCL during the year 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 is given below:—

(Fig. in '000 tonnes)

| Year | B.P. | B.H. | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1995-96 | 142.60 | 52.00 | 194.60 |
| 1996-97 | 158.20 | 57.30 | 215.50 |
| 1997-98 | 123.20 | 44.70 | 168.00 |

(b) The demand for coke produced by BCCL had declined and as a result the company is forced to cut down its production to avoid accumulation of heavy stock. The average monthly booking of coal by cokery units who are genuine buyer of coal for manufacture of hard coke in and around Dhanbad had also gone down. The total stock of coke (BP and BH) as on 31.3.98 was 52,000 tonnes as against 14,400 tonnes as on 31.3.96.

The company is not able to fix a remunerative price because of poor demand.

(c) As on 1.5.98, the strength of workers and staff in BCCL is 1,31,959 and that of executive is 3,134.

**Amendment in the MMRD Act, 1957**

2133. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957 is to be amended; and

(b) if so, what are the objectives to be achieved by this amendment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (a) of the question.

**Development of coal mines under Mahanadi Coalfields Limited**

2134. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on the development of coal mines under Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) during the Eighth Plan;

(b) the various development measures adopted in these coalfields during that plan period;

(c) the funds earmarked therefor in Ninth Plan; and

(d) the development measures adopted for the plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) During the 8th Five Year Plan, the amount spent on the development of coal mines under Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) was Rs. 866.90 crores.